

REMARKS

Claims 46-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over U.S. patent no. 6,190,940 to DeFelice et al. This rejection was discussed at the telephone interview between the examiners Mr. Kyoung Lee and Mr. Michael Lebentritt and the undersigned on January 30, 2006. An agreement was reached that DeFelice did not show "one or more openings which overlies the contact pads and also overlies one or more regions adjacent to the contact pads" as recited in Claim 46.

Claims 47-53 depend from Claim 46.

New Claims 54-61 are supported by the original Figs. 16A, 16B, 17, by the specification paragraphs 0084-0087, and by the original Claims 46-53.

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